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BETHEL AND VICINITY

Miss Evelyn Brinck will spend the holidays at home.

Miss Adelaide Bean has returned home from Upton.

O. B. George and family were in Lewiston Saturday.

Miss June Brown is assisting in the store this week.

Henry Tise of Springfield is spending the holidays in town.

Arthur Lang of Andover was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Elsie Robertson and daughter were in Lewiston Monday.

Mrs. E. P. Lyon and daughter Barbara were in Portland Saturday.

Laurence Bartlett was at home on Gorham Normal over the week end.

Miss Edna Page is spending the Christmas vacation at her home in Grand.

Mrs. Lucian Littlehale and son Frank were in Portland Wednesday.

Miss Ina Good is not boarding at Mrs. Ralph Berry's as stated in last week's Citizen.

Miss Mary Sanborn is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Grant Maxon, at Portland.

William Wight and Herbert Rowe of the U. of M. are spending the holidays at home.

Miss Myra Thurlow of Windham is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. R. Bowdoin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Young, Mrs. Anna Thurston, and Mrs. Viola Lord are in Portland Tuesday.

James Alger, West Point, will spend Christmas vacation with his mother, Mrs. Constance Alger.

John Twaddle is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Twaddle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brown, daughter Arthur, Gerry York and John Berry are in Portland Wednesday.

Miss Lucia Van Den Kerckhoven is from Southern College, Petersburg, Va., to spend the holidays.

Rebecca Carter came home Wednesday to spend the Christmas vacation with her mother, Mrs. Fannie Carter.

Mrs. Arthur Brinck has been spending a few days in Lewiston, the guest of her daughter, Miss Evelyn Brinck.

A Public Whist Party was held at Grange Hall, Tuesday evening under the auspices of the ladies of the Grange.

Miss Betty Edwards is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards, at Baltimore, Md.

Mr. Harold Lurvey is in the Dr. Lighton Jr. hospital, Portland, where he underwent surgery Saturday evening.

Laurence Philbrook has returned to work at Barre, Vt., after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Philbrook.

Mr. Ralph O. Hood left Thursday to spend the holidays with his parents in Massachusetts. He will resume his duties the first of the year.

Parish supper will be served in the Congregational Church dining room, December 24th. Following the supper will be a program and Christmas tree by the Sunday School.

Deaths of Miss Margaret Carter will be interested to know that she is singing in the devotional services of the parish, heard from Portland on Monday morning at 8:15.

YOUNG MAN FATALLY WOUNDED AT RUMFORD CENTER

It is reported that Albert Small, 21, of Rumford Center was shot and fatally wounded by Lester Lapham yesterday morning. Small, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Small, was cutting in back of Lapham's home when he was shooting at a tin can on a tree on a little rise. Just as he was about to take the shot, Lapham came over the hill and shot him in the head, lodging the bullet in the brain. He was taken to the hospital where he died in a short time.

He is survived by his mother and father, two brothers, Henry and Noel, and one sister, Mrs. Verna Hallett of Rumford.

Funeral services were held at her late home Saturday afternoon, Rev. Lester of Rumford officiating.

BETHEL SCHOOLS OFFER CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Primary School

The Christmas program presented by the primary school in the play room Friday afternoon was as follows: Welcome, David Bean, Betty Warren, and Carol Robertson.

Play, First four grades. Exercise, Second grade. Recitation, Arthur Chayer.

Exercises, Fourth and First grades. Recitations, Robert Greenleaf, Ruth Walker, Barbara Lutton.

Exercises, First and Second grades. Recitations, Muriel Bean, Sherman Williamson, Barker Hopkins, Muriel Hall, Elizabeth Gorman, Billy Robertson.

Fifth Grade

The grammar school fifth grade program included the following: Greetings, Edna Young.

Recitations, Jean Inman, Virginia Davis, Ethlyn and Catherine McMillan, Rita Morgan, Howard Aubin.

Pantomime, Virginia Davis, Margaret Vail, Margaret Gallant, Eva Vashaw.

Play, with characters, Eva Vashaw, Irving Brown, Stuart Cross, Margaret Gallant.

Reading, Margaret Vail. Tableaux, Kathryn Davis, Lee Hutchins.

Recitation, Sidney Howe. Illustrated Reading, Francis Wentworth.

Sixth Grade

The sixth grade gave a program which included: Song.

Recitations, Virginia Smith, Kathleen Wight, Charles Shaw, Elmer Bartlett.

Song, by Boys. Recitations, Virginia Chapman, Helen Lowe, Mary Robertson, Madeline Hall.

Song, Two girls. Play, with characters, Edna McMillan, Rodney Wentzell, Faith Brown, Edward Wheeler, Parker Brown, Rodney Eames, Mary Clough, Barbara Lyon, Arlene Greenleaf.

Seventh Grade

The numbers by the seventh grade were: Bible Reading, Helen Parlin.

Song, "Santa's Volunteers," Jane Chapman, Helen Parlin, Frank Littlehale, Edward Robertson, Christie Thurston, Geraldine Stanley, Donald Brown, Stanley Gallant.

Reading, Geraldine Stanley. Dialogue, Irene Blake, Edna Warren, Dorothy Machin, Marjorie Fish.

Recitation, Talbot Crane. Song, "Santa Claus at School," Phyllis Hunt, Vivian Berry, Helen Crouse, Elizabeth Lyon, Alton Crouse, Chandler Dalzell, Royden Keddy, Robert Gordon, Talbot Crane, Mary Wheeler.

Recitation, Ethel Jodrey. "A Christmas Goodnight," School.

Eighth Grade

The eighth grade gave the following: Bible Reading, Robert Whitman.

Song, Class. Recitation, Gardner Smith.

Reading, Rita Hutchins. Song, Edith Arsenault, Edna Wentzell, Rita Hutchins, Arthur Bennett.

Recitation, Eleanor Vail. Song, School. Remarks, H. H. Bean.

MRS. OSCAR S. DYKE

The death of Mrs. Lucy Elliott Dyke, wife of Oscar S. Dyke of Hallowell, occurred at her home, Wednesday night, December 14, at 10:30 following a brief illness. Mrs. Dyke was born in Livermore, the daughter of the late Alphonse F. and Caroline Sanders Russell of Canton. She was a member of Evergreen Chapter, O. E. S. of Canton, of the Rumford Grange, and a past chief of Mahemokwa Temple, Pythian Sisters of Hallowell and was active in affairs pertaining to the community.

Besides her husband she is survived by five sisters, the Misses Arline and Iva Russell of Brackton, Mass., Miss Ethel Russell of Canton; Miss Nina Russell of Portland; and Mrs. Alphonse F. Russell of Portland, and Alphonse F. Russell of Orono, also several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at her late home Saturday afternoon, Rev. Lester of Rumford officiating.



The Origin of Christmas

A. D. S. BROOKS LETTER

If a perfect description could be written concerning the life of the wonderful God-Man, Jesus Christ, together with all of his spiritual contacts in the lives of his followers, the world could not contain the volumes. It's not an extravagant statement to make that, the space—from East to West, between the two oceans, comprising the American Continent—would not be sufficient to hold even the index book to such a vast library of facts. I challenge any infidel to contradict this! Friends, you and I need a more perfect acquaintance with the World's Saviour. Let us meet him, in the spirit of this Christmas occasion. May God forgive us for so commercializing the anniversary of his "birth"—which is the origin of Yuletide. In holy reverence, we should turn our thoughts to the "Babe of the Manger." The promise of his coming had been announced thousands of years before: to comfort the repentant and sorrowing mother of the race.

Down through the epochs of time, holy prophets and sages had told the sinning and suffering legions of earth that Messiah should come and save his people from their sins. We hardly comprehend the significance of this truth. What a thrill it stirs within us when we realize that angels were training their voices, through the centuries, to sing their carols when he should be born! The forces of Heaven had made great preparation in the making of this programme. No king or monarch had ever been honored with such glory and splendor. The whole starry universe was ablaze with a brilliancy that was startling. The musical spheres, in unlimited space furnished the accompaniment to their sweet sounding chimes to the anthem: "Peace on Earth, and Good will toward Men." But a vast multitude, created in the image of Jeho-

va, fell to enjoy the celebration which Heaven and Earth held together. Their ears were heavy. They were the doubters and scoffers of the "old world." They at once, denied that Jesus was the "Saviour of the World," sent by Almighty God. But, all else gave recognition to this truth. The merry stars were twinkling with their far-streaming radiance and beauty, when the angel, Gabriel, directed that great orchestra and chorus to



The Child Jesus in Bethlehem's Stable.

honor the new king. The shepherds joyfully joined their voices. The fierce, raving, beasts of the forest were silent and attentive. The myriads of tiny creatures of the fields and hillsides worshiped the Creator that even had made great preparation in the making of this programme. No king or monarch had ever been honored with such glory and splendor. The whole starry universe was ablaze with a brilliancy that was startling. The musical spheres, in unlimited space furnished the accompaniment to their sweet sounding chimes to the anthem: "Peace on Earth, and Good will toward Men." But a vast multitude, created in the image of Jeho-

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ALBERT H. HEATH

Albert H. Heath died Thursday evening, Dec. 15, at 9:30 o'clock, at the Community Hospital, Rumford, after an illness of about two years' duration. Mr. Heath entered the hospital about three months ago where he had one leg amputated hoping to regain his health by so doing, but several days before his death he suffered a shock from which he failed to rally.

He was born in Bethel, September 30, 1886, the son of Charles H. and Annie L. Heath. He was educated in the public schools and Gould Academy and always lived in his native town.

About 18 years ago he was united in marriage with Miss Bernice Grover of Bethel. Three children were born to them: Barbara, Henrietta, and Henry.

Mr. Heath was employed on the railroad as section hand until his health failed and he was forced to give up work.

He is survived by his wife and three children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heath; one sister, Mrs. Herbert Swan; a nephew, Edward Swan; and an aunt, Mrs. Alice Woodward of Ashland, N. H.

Funeral services were held at the home of his parents, Monday afternoon, Rev. L. A. Edwards officiating. Interment was at the Steam Mill cemetery.

REBEKAH'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

A Christmas program was enjoyed at the meeting of Sunset Rebekah Lodge Monday evening following the business meeting. The program in charge of Mrs. Edna York and Miss Eugenia Haselton was as follows:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing. All singing. Mrs. F. E. Mandt.

Piano solo, Mrs. F. E. Russell.

Silent Song, Mrs. Robert York, Miss Eugenia Haselton and Bertha Muntz.

All singing. Gifts from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree were presented and pop corn and candy were served.

LATEST REPORTS FROM HEADQUARTERS

Children of Bethel:

* I will arrive at Bethel Common Saturday, Dec. 24th, at 5 o'clock.

* In the afternoon with 200 presents for you if your age is between four years and 12 years.

* Meet me at the Tree. Happy Christmas.

SANTA CLAUS.

LOCAL MAN

RECEIVES MEDAL

ALBERT S. GROVER AWARDED SILVER STAR BY WAR DEPARTMENT

Sgt. Albert S. Grover, who served in the Regular U. S. Army from May 1917, to May 4, 1921, was recently awarded the "Silver Star" by the War Department for gallantry in action in the Meuse-Argonne drive.

Sgt. Grover went forward to the aid of a wounded comrade under heavy machine gun fire gave him first aid and succeeded in bringing him back to our trenches and taking him to the first aid station. Sgt. Grover was himself unable to reach his company, being cut off by the enemy's fire, and spent the night in the woods, returning to his company at daybreak.

Since the war Sgt. Grover has been prominent in the local American Legion and the National Guard, and is manager of the local branch of the J. B. Ham Co.

The Gould Academy basketball team, which defeated the Fryeburg Academy Junior Varsity 41-12. The game, however, was hard fought and closer than the score would indicate. The visitors had difficulty in getting open for shots as the Gould defense was functioning the best that it had all year.

The Blue and Gold victory came not through the efforts of individual stardom, but through five men playing as a unit. The teamwork was much improved, which, combined with deception opened up many scoring possibilities. Every man on the Gould team played fine ball and the most encouraging feature for Coach Anderson was the fine way the reserve material worked into the play. Whitman worked well at the center position while the midget forward, Vail, did some excellent work. He is fast and a good shot but his size handicaps him especially when playing against the heavier men on a small floor. Dwyer also showed up well the few minutes he was in the game.

The team has made a start far better than was expected and if the regulars and reserves can continue their good work some excellent basketball will be seen in Bethel this winter. The next game is on January 6th with the Mexico Pintos, a game which should prove a thriller, as the Pintos are the natural rivals of the Bethel outfit.

Gould (41) Fryeburg (12)

Goheen, rf. 4 0 8

Vail, rf. 3 0 8

Brown, lf. 5 2 13

Dwyer, lf. 1 0 2

Allen, c. 1 1 3

Whitman, f. 1 0 2

McNally, rg. 3 1 7

Martinson, lg. 0 1 1

Totals, 18 2 41

Fryeburg (12)

Goheen, rf. 1 0 3

Kieball, lf. 1 1 3

Goheen, c. 0 0 0

Walker, f. 0 4 4

Kieball, rg. 1 1 3

Roman, lg. 0 0 0

Totals, 8 6 12

Refer: Morse (Rumford).

Time 4 eights.

HERE AND THERE IN MAINE

Arthur A. Brown of Bangor, a student at the University of Maine, has been selected as one of the Rhodes scholars from Maine. He has a brilliant record as a student and will be graduated from Maine next June.

A special holiday decoration has been erected at Kittery under the direction of the Maine Development Commission. The decoration is on a lot in the center of the highway and greets all motorists coming into Maine over Route 1. In the center is an eight foot map of Maine, done in green against which are the words, "Merry Christmas" and "Welcome Home" in red. On either side of the map is a fir tree about 30 feet in height. The whole is illuminated at night by flood lights.

The eleventh hunting fatality for the season in Maine occurred last Thursday when Charles W. Butterfield, of Harrison was mistaken for a fox by his companion, Maynard Chaplin of Naples.

A mile of flooded road near Jackman on the main highway to Quebec barred the progress of 500 home bound hunters Monday. Ice and water were piled over the highway, driving many families from their homes. A crew of State Highway engineers from Augusta arrived there Tuesday with orders to construct a temporary road. Heavy ice cakes from Dead river, headwaters of the Kennebec river, threatened the stream still more Wednesday and families prepared to move their belongings to higher ground if an ice jam occurred.

Elmhurst, property of Capt. and Mrs. A. B. Chaney at Lisbon, was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars by fire Monday morning. The fire was under control after three hours fighting but not before the oil tank and barn were destroyed and great damage done to the contents of the house.

State Tax Assessor Holley said today that for the first time since Maine became a State in 1820 the valuation of the State for taxation will show a decrease in 1933.

Philip P. Grenlund of Norway has accepted appointment as first lieutenant in the Dental Reserve Corps of the U. S. Army.

According to the first snow and ice bulletin by the Weather Bureau, Maine's snow blanket averages three inches and the ice on rivers, ponds and lakes is more than last year at this time. Snow in the State is deeper along the coast and Moosehead Lake is covered by 12-inch ice.

Shipping fir and spruce trees out of State is a big industry in Maine. Thousands of trees have been cut and shipped this season. Gerald L. Saunders of Hebron has shipped 20,000 trees, part of which were cut in the vicinity of Hebron but more of them in Franklin county. Most of these trees go to the Western states. Other shipments have been made from Mount Falls and Auburn.

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Yuletide Greetings
LORD'S GARAGE
LAWRENCE LORD, Prop.
BETHEL



Seasons * Greetings, 1932 * *
W. E. BOSSERMAN
DRUGGIST
BETHEL



Wishing You a Merry Christmas
J. P. BUTTS
HARDWARE
BETHEL



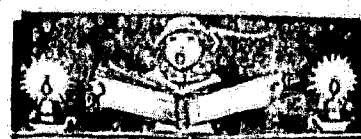
May Your Yuletide
Be a Happy One
THE FIRST NATIONAL STORES, INC.
N. H. HALL, Mgr.
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Broadcasting Our Christmas Wishes
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Christmas Greetings 1932

TO OUR CUSTOMERS
We thank you one and all for your
kind Patronage and Wish You
a Very Happy Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year
ROWE'S



We send you our wishes,
Profuse and sincere,
For a glad Christmas day
And a Happy New Year!
J. B. HAM CO.
A. S. GROVER, Mgr.
BETHEL



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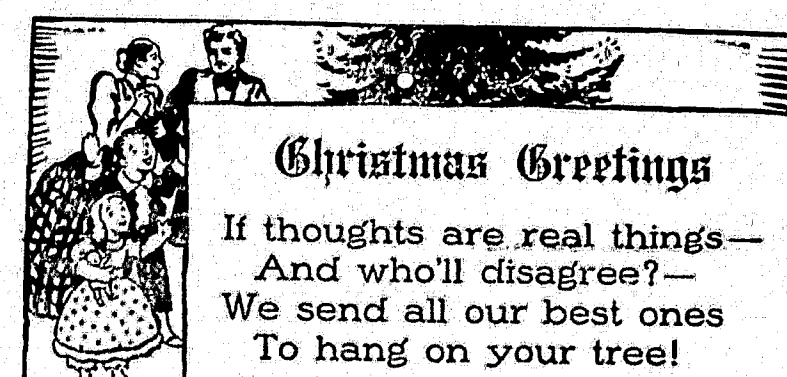
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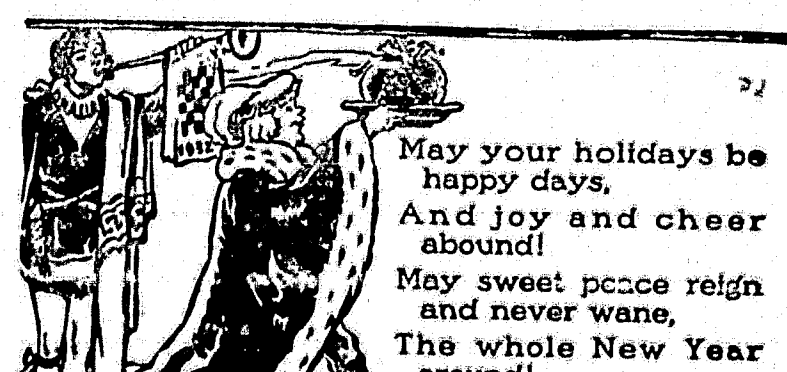
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BEAN & FOX CO.
Meats and General Merchandise
BETHEL



Christmas
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ROY C. MOORE
Wayne and Amco Feeds
BETHEL



Christmas Greetings
If thoughts are real things—
And who'll disagree?—
We send all our best ones
To hang on your tree!
THE GREAT A. & P. TEA COMPANY
RALPH BURRIS, Mgr.
BETHEL



May your holidays be
happy days,
And joy and cheer
abound!
May sweet peace reign
and never wane,
The whole New Year
around!
EDWARD P. LYON
"The Store of Many Gifts"
BETHEL



Christmas
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1932
L. W. RAMSELL CO.
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THREE GOOD RULES
FOR QUALITY EGGS

Keep Them Clean, Cool, and Gather Often.

By R. E. CHASE, Specialist in Poultry, Ohio State University—Wash. Service.
Producing quality summer eggs is not difficult when three simple rules are followed. Eggs should be kept clean, gathered three times a day, and stored in a cool place until ready to ship.

By storing eggs in a cool place as soon as they are gathered, it is fairly easy to keep the size of the air cell to a minimum. This checks evaporation through the shell and helps insure a small percentage of stale eggs. Clean eggs may be produced by providing one nest for every five hens, by covering the perches with wire, and by cleaning the birds to the laying house. Eggs can also be soiled if the heads of the attendant are wet with damp and soiled.

Still another practice, which is one of the most important from the standpoint of producing quality eggs, is the practice of gathering eggs at least two or three times a day. This helps to keep the eggs clean and cool. Experience shows that farmers gathering eggs even five to six times a day are well repaid if they market their produce on a graded basis.

Broilers Fattened Well on Cereal Ration Alone

A test was carried on at the poultry station, Central experimental farm, Ithaca, Canada, comparing two rations, one of which contained meat and the other cereal feeds only. In fattening broilers, equal parts of ground wheat, ground oats and ground rye made up the cereal ration with the addition of 10 per cent of meat meal to the other. Both were fed three times daily, using sour skim milk as a mixer and mixing each feed feeding in advance. Two lots of broilers seven weeks of age were used. Thirty-seven birds were in one lot and thirty-six in the other group. These birds were banded and weighed individually in grams at the beginning, the end of the first week and at the end of the experiment (fourteen days). The average gain for the two lots was practically identical, the difference being only one-tenth of an ounce per bird.

Double Incubator Service

Double service from brooding equipment netted Mrs. E. L. Briner, Oskana, an extra \$50 last season, says a Kansas Farmer. Baby chicks were hatched until May 23, and then moved to the brooder. After these quarters were carefully disinfected, 61 little turkeys were moved into them. The poultry were hatched right after May 23, just of them. Six smothered, two died in unknown causes and 53 were hatched. On November 10 the birds averaged 15 pounds, with a total of 795 shown at \$2 a bird on the books. Jan and wheat made up the green and a much recommended by the Agricultural college was fed. Black and other turkey troubles were eliminated through the use of a sanitary hall-screen runway. Net profit of the operation amounted to \$1.03 the bird.

Fighting Lice and Mites

For the eradication of lice and mites, keep your poultry house clean, fresh litter in nests, and paint roosts with nicotine sulphate, advises a writer in the Southern Agriculturist. If hens are used for setting, they will be sure to come, but if you put 5 or 6 drops of nicotine sulphate in a few places on the straw around the hen in the nest, within four mites will be gone. If mites are on the floor, put nicotine sulphate on in several places. Repeat procedure when necessary. I have found this to be a great labor-saver, as we have raised more chickens this year than I have ever raised, and I did have to spray the house or dip hens. You can get nicotine sulphate at seed houses or drug stores.

Watch Hen's Production

That there is a tremendous difference in egg-laying ability has been demonstrated in Ohio by the record performance flock owners who trap their birds. They find some hens lay nearly every day, while others lay only every other or every third day, all under identical conditions. For a year's laying a few lay over 300 eggs and others less than a hundred. There is most decidedly a difference in chickens, says a Farmer.


Poultry Notes

Harvest made from hardwood is suitable for poultry.


Chicks will not develop into healthy, robust birds if their vitality is sapped by overheating and crowding during the night.

The use of dry dirt for scratching is becoming more general among farmers everywhere. When mixed with the hen's droppings this makes a good soil dressing.

POULTRY AGRICULTURE ORCHARDING FORESTRY
FARM TOPICS
DAIRYING LIVE STOCK GARDENING MARKETING



THE WHOLE FLOCK LAID




LAYING HENS LAID - 71%

50%

Records just tabulated at the Poultry Plant, University of Maine, prove that flock averages drop because some hens stop laying, the others continue at their usual rate.

Hens start and stop laying abruptly, which is contrary to popular belief.



LOAFERS DID NOTHING BUT EAT - 0%

GOOD HENS CONTINUE TO LAY WHILE FLOCK AVERAGE DROPS, RECORDS SHOW

Unsettling several popular misconceptions about the way hens lay eggs, Professor L. P. Gardner of the Maine College of Agriculture is the first poultry authority to prove what only a few had claimed as a theory, it was announced today by L. S. Corbett, head of the department of Animal Industry.

Before starting his investigations, Professor Gardner asked himself these questions: Does it impair the breeding quality of pullet eggs to let the pullets lay all the eggs they wish before the breeding season?

When a flock begins to fall off in egg production, is it because some hens stop laying completely, or do all of them lay less frequently?

When laying begins, does a hen start in "on high" so to speak, or does she start in gradually?

When a hen stops laying, does she do it suddenly, or does she take several days or weeks to get out of the habit of working? In other words, does she "put on the brakes" in coming to a stop?

OXFORD EXTENSION AGENTS STRESS ATTENDANCE AT PLANNING MEETINGS

The unusually large volume of Extension work carried with farmers, home-makers and boys and girls, has at its source the so-called planning meeting held in each community. Farm Bureau members are sincere in their invitation to non-members to attend this meeting. As a rule it has not been possible to send written invitations other than to those who have contributed to the maintenance of organized Extension work through Farm Bureau membership, but these same people have contributed because they know what the Extension Service can accomplish toward better living on the farm and in the rural community. And the true member is anxious to see his \$2.00 do the greatest good to all alike in the community.

Planning meeting happens to be the one and only meeting arranged specifically for organized work.

A heretofore unadvertised part of the forenoon session is a study of the poultry situation in Maine, and a detailed explanation of the factors working to Maine's advantage in the poultry business. One can sit-afford to miss getting this information. There is also seen an unusual number of vegetables gardens in all parts of the country. All will have an extra pleasant and satisfying dinner. In the afternoon an up-to-the-minute Extension program for the community can be arranged if folks will attend and help make it.

COUNTY CHAMPS OFF TO OROHO

The following boys and girls will represent Oxford County at the State Contest in Orono, December 29, 30, and 31: Dean Leonard Tyler; Canine, Frances Adams; Chick Ralsing; Howard Sturtevant; Cooking and Housekeeping, Alno Niskanen; Sweet Corn, Bernard Adams; Dairy, Russell Mack; Garden, Norton Emmons; Pig, Arnold Tash; Potato, Russell Mack; Poultry Management, Frederick Stevens; Room Improvement, Wilma F. Buck; Sewing, Elsie Abbott.

Professor Gardner drew the following conclusions from egg records based upon 158 birds representing all of the major poultry breeds. All records have been studied during the fall months. Studies on the relation of winter moult of pullets to the hatchability of their eggs are based on seven years of records.

Conclusions Drawn

1. A drop in the production of a flock is usually caused by the cessation of production by certain individuals in the flock.
2. An increase in the production of a flock is usually the result of more individuals coming into laying.
3. Actual per cent production may average from ten to twenty-five per cent higher than apparent production. (a) The difference being greater in flocks of apparent low production. (b) Conversely, the difference is less in flocks of apparent high production.
4. That the production of an individual does not start nor stop gradually, but tends immediately to assume the average weekly rate for that individual and stops at the same rate.
5. The number of eggs laid during the last seven days preceding a rest period of seven days or more and the number of eggs laid the first seven days following a rest period indicates the average weekly rate of production for that individual.

4-H JUDGING CONTESTS

There were 74 contests held in the county this year. 35 were held in Sewing, 17 in Garden, 15 in Cooking and Housekeeping, and the rest were among Room Improvement, Bean, Canning, Dairy, and Potato projects.

SUMMARY OF 4-H CLUB WORK

929 club projects were enrolled the past year. There were 696 Junior projects, 225 Senior and eight Young Farmers. There was an increase of 113 in the boys' enrollment and an increase of 11 in the girls' enrollment over last year.

At the start of the football season many officials expected numerous penalties from new regulations relating to use of hands on defensive, but "clipping" has been a greater cause for penalties.

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UNITED STATES COMMERCIAL APPLES 28,273,000 BARRELS

The 1932 production of commercial apples for the United States is now estimated at 28,273,000 barrels compared with 24,592,000 barrels harvested in 1931 and 23,529,000 barrels in 1930. Production this year shows practically no change from the outlook a month ago, and is about 18% less than the crop harvested last year and 16% below that of two years ago. Outside of the North Atlantic and western states, the crop is much less than in 1931. The crop over much of the country was materially reduced by a severe cold spell about March 15 and drought in some important areas during the late summer. Carlot movement is expected to be 77,965 cars, or 23% less than the 101,711 cars actually moved last year. However, the proportion of the crop moving by truck continues to increase.

In New England the commercial apple crop is estimated at 2,102,000 barrels compared with the light crop harvested last year totalling 1,075,000 barrels and the 1930 crop of 2,214,000 barrels. Except for frosts during the blossom period the 1932 crop season was favorable to the apple crop in New England. Apples are a good crop this season in all of the New England States, with insect and disease damage comparatively light. Baldwin were a good crop this year, particularly in Maine, while all varieties generally had considerably heavier crops than harvested a year ago.

Production in the barrel apple states outside New England totals 10,622,000 barrels this year, 36% less than the crop produced this year in these states, and 7% below the 1930 crop. In the box apple states, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, and California, commercial apples are estimated at 12,012,000 barrels, slightly less than the crop harvested last year and about 27% short of the 1930 crop.

Nearly all fruits have smaller crops this season than harvested in 1931 with the peach crop 40% less, pears 6% less, dried prunes 15% less, oranges 2%, grapefruit 13%, and lemons 10% less. These reductions are offset to some extent by the following increases: grapes 33%, fresh prunes 31%, and cherries 14%. C. D. Stevens, Agricultural Statistician.

A forward pass, thrust from the sandlots of Bangor, Maine, landed in the rumble seat of a passing Massachusetts motorist, and may be going just the same.

A FEW MOMENTS WITH THE POETS

BALLADE OF PLEASANT THOUGHTS

Don't let us talk of wretchedness,
Don't let us wallow in our woe,
Don't let us dwell on o'er distress,
Don't let us wander to and fro
Amid the mire and mud below,
But let us rise on joyful wings
Into the sunlight's glow;
Let's think and talk of pleasant things!

Don't let us clamor for redress;
Don't let us deem a soul our foe;
Instead of cursing, let us bless;
And never let us gloat or crow
O'er some one's trouble; let us show
What perfect peace our viewpoint brings.

To all who after goodness go;
Let's think and talk of pleasant things!
Let's talk of trouble less and less;
To anger let us be more slow;
Let's strive more patience to possess,
And more compassionate let's grow;
A cheerful word or smile bestow,
And you can quell the scorn that stings.

This duty to ourselves we owe:
Let's think and talk of pleasant things!

THE LITTLE COAT

Here's his little "roundabout,"
Turn the pockets inside out;
See his penknife, lost to use,
Rusted shut with apple juice;
Here, with marbles, top and string,
Is his deadly "devil sling."
With its rubber limp at last
As the sparrows of the past!
Bee-wax, buckles, leather straps;
Bullets and a box of caps,
Not a thing at all, I guess,
But betrays some waywardness;
Even these tickets, blue and red,
For the Bible verses said:
Such as this his memory kept—
"Jesus wept."

Here's a fishing hook and line
Tangled up with wire and twine
And dead angleworms and some
Shreds of lead and chewing gum,
Here's some powder in a quill,
Loaded up with a liver pill,
And a spongy little chunk
Of punk.

Here's the little coat; but, oh,
Where is he we've censured so!
Don't you hear us calling, dear?
"Back! Come back and never fear;
You may kill the birds or do
Anything that pleases you!"
Oh, this empty coat of his!
Every tatter worth a kiss!
Every stain as pure as new
As the white stars overhead,
And the pockets, homes were they
Of the little hands that play
Now no more, but absent, thus
Beckon us.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

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Fable of Link's One Large Day

By GEORGE ADE

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There was an industrial slave whose name did not appear in the history of his own times. He cut no ice except he added a Grand Total of 1 to the Census Total. He was just an other Passenger on the Trolley and other Pay Envelope on Saturday night and another Vote to be counted by the Precinct Captain. He was known to the folks living in the town.

The Foreman remembered him one week to another and that as far as his name ever spread. He was a good worker and carried a lunch with a cup inverted on the top of his head. He was a stumpy fellow, but about all of the Biographical Data available. Except that, being a member of the great married President, he was commonly known as Link.

Nothing ever happened to him until he died and then he received as much respectful attention as ever was shown to a Crowned Head. He was a man of a mind while he was breathing, but the moment he became cold passed around.

When he joined the Majority he became a Helpmate consulted the Bank Book, which showed a stinging balance of \$334. There was an unpaid balance on the House and a Doctor Bill. He was well off as compared to the Link's family. However, a sick note had accrued from the Union. So the poor bereaved Widow began to make arrangements for the obsequies. She took all she had in sight and went into debt as far as they could let her go and gave his Nobs a whole of a Fare-You-Well.

While Link was here he and the slaves used to go to the Met about once a week. In fact, they averaged out three Armagadons a day, which was always in doubt, but the moment he cashed in, she remembered him as a Male Turtle Dove who did thing but Coo.

He was a Tough Bird while he had health but the minute he breathed his last he was Snow White.

Five and Kicking: Dead—Can't Kick. As soon as they began making the arrangements it occurred to her that she did not have, in the principal, a price, aristocratic Cemetery, a plot which was in keeping with the prominence and eminent views of the Deceased.

So she sent for one of the Trustees of the Graveyard and he let her have small tract of Ground on a High spot, commanding a good view, and he charged her was about four times what she would pay for land at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street.

After that she called in the Undertaker, who is a great help on such occasions. He had a very beautiful casket showing the different kinds of caskets which might be purchased. He showed her some of the cheap ones, but she very frankly admitted that only some of the Wood had worn him in it and the Handles were not silver and, although he didn't let it influence her in any way, he guessed that she could not get anything which would be worthy of the departed unless she picked out nothing in the Back Part of the casket.

The Widow must have been in a very Sentimental Mood when she looked out the Metal Casket that let her in front, the same as a Kitchen cabinet. It had a lot of Puffed Satin and was guaranteed to stand up and main in Good Condition for a great many Years, which didn't make any difference, but the Widow felt for it at the same. She wanted Link to be the Best of everything.

While he was alive, she would hold until you could hear her a Block away if he bought a Collar Button at cost as much as 50 Cents, but now that he was gone and had become one of the Angels, let us hope, she couldn't ask of anything too Hechereche for it. So she ordered the kind of Coffin which is favored by New York Monarchs and when she heard the price was Eight Hundred Dollars she felt feazed a trifle.

Then the Undertaker took up with the important matter of how they would attire Link before spreading out. He said that the neatest and best and sleekest Costume for a man of Standing was a Tuxedo with Pearl Studs and Patent Leather wing Pumps. Then which nothing had been more appropriate for Link.

Soprano Tried for Distance. He not only never had worn a Low cut suit but he never had seen one. At is more, it would have required a very determined Man to get Link into a Tuxedo but, of course, he had him counted out and lying down and the Widow was having a good way, so she ordered, at a very high price, a very beautiful Regalia for one who is going to sit at a Dinner Dance at the Ritz.

After they got Link into the Nobly it would be unfair to tell you if he looked different. If he ever appeared at the Gates of Heaven in a Magawanda Costume there is a question as to whether or not Saint Peter would have identified him from a description which had been received in Advance.

Quite a Question arose as to whether Funeral Services would be held and it would be necessary to have a

Preacher and it was customary to break into a Church. It just happened that Link had not attended Church for something like a matter of 23 Years and he had no Sectarian Affiliations that anyone remembered, but his Wife happened to think that one of his Aunts had been a Methodist, so they fixed it up and had the Methodist Minister come over and he looked at the Remains and secured a few Data from the bereaved Helpmate and by the time he got through Link was almost a Methodist in Good Standing.

The Pastor and the Undertaker told the Widow that it was customary, if you wanted to have a real Swell Funeral, to have some singing and that a good Soprano who was guaranteed to usher the Departing Soul right in to the Blissful Beyond would bring about 50 Dollars.

Link's Wife said that nothing was too good for him so they hired a near opera Singer and she did three Olli-goos at the church, her idea evidently being to let them know in the World Beyond that Link was on his way, because she certainly was loud. Fortunately Link could not hear her and did not know what it cost, so everything was all right.

Roping in the Relatives. It seems that the importance of a Funeral nowadays is gauged by the Number of Motor Cars which follow the Motor Hearse out to the Cemetery. All you have to do to get a Motor Hearse is to buy it and use it once and then give it back.

Link's wife wanted the Funeral to be a Real Success so she engaged all of the Automobiles from three Garages and had them lined up in front of the Church, so that all of the Mourners could get a Free Ride out to the Cemetery, with the result that a great many People who never had heard of Link rode out and stood beside the Open Grave and cried like Children.

We must not overlook the fact that Death Notices had been inserted in all of the Newspapers nearby and that Mrs. Link had sent for Link's Brother, who lived five hundred miles away and had paid his Railroad Fare and had bought a new Suit of Clothes so that they would let him enter the Church. All of this helped to whoop the Expense Account but there is one time when a Sentimental Woman will not balk at Expenses and that is when she is planting the Beloved.

It certainly was a most successful Funeral. Link's wife sent flowers in her own name and in the Names of all of the Relatives who were not present. Link looked simply wonderful in his ballroom Costume and the Preacher talked about him until almost anybody could believe that Link amounted to something and the Soprano did her self proud and the Parade was about four blocks long and the Assembly out at the Cemetery looked like a Mass Meeting.

After it was all over, the Widow held a Consultation with the Children and checked up on the Family Budget. They had no Assets in sight but there were quite a number of Bills.

The Widow said, by way of Explanation, "It looks as though we would be broke for the next twenty years, but you must admit that we gave Papa quite a Send-Off."

MOHAI—If people are overlooking you, die.

Forms of Government

in European Countries
The following European nations are republics: Austria, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Switzerland and Turkey. Russia is a federation of republics, but of republics of a sort quite different from the older kind.

The Kingdoms are those of Belgium, Bulgaria, Denmark, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Rumania, the Serb, Croat and Slovene (Yugoslavia) and Sweden. The government of Hungary is also, in form, that of a kingdom, but the throne is vacant at present. Luxembourg is a grand duchy. Monaco is a principality.

Ireland and Danzig are called free states. In Danzig there is a legislative assembly, elected by the people, and a high commissioner, appointed by the League of Nations. In Ireland there is the sort of quasi-independent government that Canada has, with a very slight formal acknowledgment of the sovereignty of the British king.

Bit of Early History

Nicholas Disbrow, Joiner, who "made the earliest piece of American furniture of proven origin," held the office of chimney viewer in 1647 and again in 1655, 1663, and 1669. He must have been good at it. In 1665, he did more "chimneying" as surveyor of highways. He served, too, in the Pequot war, for which service he was given fifty acres of land. Nicholas, with all these good deeds to his credit, is reported to have been charged with witchcraft, but this was due as the story continues, to a dispute over a bill.

Accountancy

Very little is known of the origin of accounting as a profession. The first association of which there is record is the College of Rascals, founded at Venice in 1551. Professional accountants probably existed in Milan at an early date, as the government established a scale of charges for their services in 1732. The first Scotch professional accountant was George Watson, born in Edinburgh in 1615. In 1700 the first directory listed five. The first formal recognition given to accountants in the United States was in the laws of New York in April, 1800.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

Questions

1. What did the early American Indians use for money?
2. Who baptized the Ethiopian Eunuch?
3. What bird flies backwards?
4. Roosevelt will be what president of the United States?
5. Who won the 1932 baseball world series?
6. Where did the Christmas tree originate?
7. Who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner"?
8. What causes weight?
9. What is a hank the measure of?
10. Who was king of the Roman gods?

Answers to Last Week's Questions

1. Fanny Crosby.
2. "Does not affect the heart" is correct.
3. Letter.
4. They have escaped from hives.
5. A wave of blood sent through an artery already full by force of heart beat.
6. Washington.
7. The Friday before Easter.
8. It lowers the freezing point and keeps the water from freezing.
9. Edward Eggleston.
10. Huey P. Long.

GORHAM NORMAL SCHOOL NEWS

Activities of Oxford County Pupils

Daniel Wight, North Newry, has been elected treasurer of the Mid-Senior class. Mr. Wight is active in several student organizations, he is a member of the orchestra, and is a reporter for the Oracle, the school newspaper.

Paul Chapman of Bethel attended the banquet in honor of the Initiates of the Lambda Pi Sigma Fraternity, held in the Grange Hall, Saturday evening.

Avis Hinds, Rumford, will play the piano accompaniment for the trio which will furnish music at the dramatic Club play, Gyl Shyl, to be produced Tuesday evening. The play is under the direction of Miss Jeanette S. Johnson, instructor in English, Journalism, and Literature.

The Art Club of the Gorham Normal School sponsored an exhibition of Japanese prints Thursday and Friday of the past week. The exhibit was characterized by an unusually large amount of color. The prints were carefully selected and arranged. Students were interested in observing the Japanese methods of expressing snow and rain. Many of the prints pictured the life and occupations of the Japanese people. The exhibition was selected and arranged under the direction of Miss Helene C. Wilby, instructor in Art.

Miss Jessie L. Keene, instructor in Science, Bird Study, and Industrial Art, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the National Honor Society on Tuesday evening, her subject was England.

The House Committee sponsored an entertainment in Russell Hall Wednesday during the club period. A table was set on the stage and members of the House Committee demonstrated the correct method of serving and eating a dinner. The entertainment was under the direction of Miss Nellie W. Jordan, dean of women, and Miss Evelyn Littlefield, instructor in Home Economics.

Ranking systems were discussed at a recent meeting of the Faculty Study Club. Mr. Anderson, principal of the Gorham Junior High School presided. Mr. Anderson discussed qualitative ranking, Miss Lois Pike, supervisor of grades 3 and 4 in the Training School, told of the system used at Westfield Normal School, while Miss Evelyn P. ton, instructor of mathematics, discussed the normal curve, relative system of ranking.

SOUTH ALBANY

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton McIntire and family were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Scribner.

Mrs. Lillian Brown called on her friend Mrs. Hazel Wardwell one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nutting and Jean Inniss were week end guests at Isaac Wardwell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Grover were in Lewiston one day last week.

Walter Canwell recently helped Preston Fillet butcher a hog.

Warren Palmer conducted the services at the Albany Church Sunday, preaching a very fine Christmas sermon.

Hugh and Leo Stearns are at work in the woods for F. E. Scribner.

Mrs. Hugh Stearns and Mrs. Lilla Stearns were in Norway Saturday afternoon.

Roy Wardwell was at Albany Town House Monday.



The Christmas tree with its shining decorations and pretty toys is a pleasant and impressive part of Christmas practice.

by the world over. Yet, less than 150 years ago it was known only to the people of the Rhine valley. Just when and where the Christmas tree originated is not definitely known, but legend credits Martin Luther with introducing it in its modern form into Germany in about 1630. As the story goes he was out walking one clear starlit Christmas eve. So impressed was he with the beauty of the night that he conceived the idea of decorating an evergreen tree for his small son, covering it with candles to represent the twinkling stars and the story of Christ.

Almost 200 years passed and only the children of the Rhine valley knew the delight of having Yule trees. In about 1800, however, the custom spread to various parts of Germany and from there all over the world. Yet even today, many of our Christmas tree ornaments are still made in Germany.



Covered the Tree With Candles to Represent Twinkling Stars.

From pagan times the tree has formed a significant part of many folk customs. The ancient Egyptians in winter decorated their homes with the branches of the date palm which, to them, stood for eternal life and happiness. The Romans used pine trees decorated with images of Priapus during the Saturnalia.

Another likely source from which the Christmas tree idea may have come is the Yule log, the ancient evergreen tree of Scandinavian mythology which was supposed to have sprung from the center of the earth.

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BRYANT POND

Franklin Grange held its regular meeting with all officers present excepting the Chaplain. It being Election night the following officers were elected:

- Master, Edwin Perham
- Overseer, Lester Felt
- Lecturer, Florence Perham
- Chaplain, Edith Abbott
- Steward, Otis Dudley
- Ass't Steward, Linwood Felt
- Treasurer, Florence Cushman
- Secretary, G. W. Q. Perham
- Ceres, Barbara Bennett
- Pomona, Alice Knight
- Flora, Irene Ames
- Cate Keeper, Donald Bennett
- Lady Ass't Steward, Lettie Day
- Hall Agent, Lee Rowe
- Chorister, Annie Bryant
- Librarian, Louie Sweetser

The installation will be January 28. Mrs. Nellie Haskell will be the installing Master.

Mrs. Myra Cole has gone to Biddeford to spend the winter with her sister.

NORTH NEWRY

Mrs. Edna Smith was at L. E. Wight's Sunday afternoon.

Quite a number in town are ill with prevailing colds.

The community Christmas Tree at the church Wednesday evening was well attended, the church being filled to its capacity. The three schools on Bear River gave a very fine program of recitations, songs and dialogues. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wight went to Lewiston Saturday morning with Mrs. A. C. Wight. Dr. Twaddle took Mr. Wight to the hospital Thursday morning.

Mrs. Abbie Littlehale is assisting with the work at W. B. Wight's this week.

The "Head of the Tide" and Branch school closed Friday for Christmas vacation. The Powers school keeps another week to make up for a week lost the first of the term.

TWO-MINUTE SERMON

by REV. GEORGE HENRY

A COMMUNITY CHURCH

Some people seem to think that the community idea as applied to the church would solve all our interdenominational problems. Much of the suggestion and usually first in the mind of the man who makes it is the matter of finance. If Christian people supported the church as the New Testament requires there would be no financial difficulty. In the community church the minister is bound hand and foot so far as the Gospel of Christ is concerned. He must soft-pedal his convictions. Such an organization usually degenerates into a sort of social club with a minister as secretary. The Y. M. C. A. would do as well. I have yet to know of a community, a federated, an interdenominational union church that has lived long enough to be considered a permanent institution. You will find in these organizations the same unfaithful, fault-finding, quarrelsome, self-centered, and self-righteous people we now find in other organizations. No human good will do. Why not go back to the apostolic plan, plea and purpose?

BETHEL SCHOOL BANK REPORT

Week of Dec. 12	Grade Savings Bank	Total	Percent
	Primary School		
I	\$1.00	\$5.50	18
II	2.00	2.00	17
III	1.00	1.00	4
	\$4.00	\$8.50	

First Grade has banker

NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK

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BETHEL SAVINGS BANK.

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Bethel, Maine

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UPTON

Albert Judkins is home from Gould for a two week vacation.

Howard Dunham is home from the U. of M. for a two week vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Douglass, Mrs. C. A. Judkins, Mrs. John Angevine and Mrs. Dan Barnett attended the Fythian Sisterhood meeting at Errol Tuesday evening, Dec. 20.

Miss Lynda Barnett is home for a two weeks vacation.

Edward Warren of this town and his brother, Jack Warren of Rumford, are going this week to Prince Edward Island to eat Christmas dinner with their folks.

A. E. Allen and J. H. H. Dodge were in Rumford on business recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Abbott, Misses Katherine, Muriel and Madeline Barnett were in Rumford shopping recently.

Donald Fraser is driving truck for James Barrett.

Mrs. Flossie Sunday Silver is caring for Mrs. Eliza Lane who is seriously ill.

Albert Fuller is sick with tonsillitis. The Farm Bureau met at the Grange Hall, Tuesday, December 20, for the annual planning meeting. Miss Ada Bressler, H. D. A. and D. H. Ridley, county agent, were present. Mr. Ridley gave a talk in the forenoon on positive raising. A splendid dinner was served at noon by Mrs. Mildred Judkins and Mrs. Dalas Warren to thirteen people. After dinner the business meeting was held. The calendar for 1933 was planned.

The following officers were elected for 1933: Chairwoman, Mrs. C. A. Judkins; Secretary, Mrs. L. M. Whitte; Household Management Leader, Mrs. Eliza Lane; Food Project Leader, Mrs. Isabelle Fuller; Clothing Project Leader, Mrs. J. O. Douglass; Club Project Leader, Mrs. Pearl Pearson.

EAST BETHEL

Miss Iva Bartlett is home for the Christmas vacation from her teaching at West Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hastings are rejoicing over the arrival of a nine pound daughter on Dec. 21. Mrs. Grace Foley is caring for Mrs. Hastings.

The school here has closed for a two weeks vacation. A very interesting program was presented Dec. 16 with a nice Christmas tree which Santa unloaded at the end of the program.

OXFORD HALL, BETHEL

Saturday Night, Dec. 24

Christmas Show
Husbands' Holiday

Chapter 5
The Air Mail Mystery

CARTOON SOUND NEWS
Begin at 8:15
Children, 10c Adults, 20c

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
L. A. Edwards, Pastor
9:30 Church School, Miss Ida Packard, Superintendent.

11:00 Morning Worship, "Jesus the Light of the World" will be the Pastor's theme.

Can you imagine what this world would have been, had Jesus not come? Once a year we seem to visualize the world into which he was born, but does our vision extend beyond the manger and the humble surroundings? It was the Gospel of Jesus that saved the world from utter collapse. As we, with joyous hearts, exchange gifts, may we not forget God's great gift to the world.

7:00 The Service of this Christmas Night will be conducted by members of the Church School and the Comrades of the Way.

The Service will include a Candle Light Exercise; The Coming of the Wise Men; Mary's Song at the Manger; and a Pageant entitled, "I would be True" given by a group of Comrades.

All are most cordially invited to this service. The Church Attendance contest between the men and the women of the congregation will begin Sunday, Jan. 1st. Mr. Fred Merrill is captain of the men's division and Mrs. Constance Alger leads the women.

BETHEL M. E. CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Dalzell, Minister
9:45 Church School, Supt. Evans Wilson.

11:00 Morning Worship, Topic: "Who had open hearts and minds to receive Him." This sermon completes the series of sermons preached on the Incarnation. The thought of this sermon centers around the manger at Bethlehem.

6:30 Epworth League, Topic—Christmas.

7:30 Children's Christmas Concert. The primary department will entertain by recitation and song, while the Junior department will present a pageant.

7:00 Tuesday evening, Prayer service.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SOCIETY
Sunday School at 10 o'clock.
Services Sunday morning at 10:45. Subject of the lesson sermon, Christian Science.

Wednesday testimonial meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Born

In East Bethel, Dec. 21, to the wife of R. D. Hastings, a daughter.

In Norway, Dec. 11, to the wife of Roy I. Mallett, twin sons, Robert Eugene and Raymond Henry.

In Lewiston, Nov. 13, to the wife of Jerome J. Myers of South Paris, a son, James Peter.

Married

In Norway, Dec. 12, by David A. Klein, Carlton E. LeBrooke and Miss Janet Skillin.

Died

In Hanover, Dec. 14, Mrs. Lucy Elmer Doyle.

In Bethel, Dec. 22, Howard Coburn, aged 57 years.

In Rumford Center, Dec. 21, Albert Small, aged 21 years.

In Rumford, Dec. 15, Albert Heath of Bethel, aged 46 years.

In Paris, Dec. 16, Charles H. Merrill, aged 73 years.

In Paris, Dec. 17, Fremont H. Field, aged 69 years.

In Lewiston, Dec. 16, Charles W. Cummings of Hefron, aged 62 years.

In Norway, Dec. 18, James Grey Willes, aged 46 years.

In Buckfield, Dec. 12, Mrs. Carrie J. Rawson, widow of J. A. Rawson, aged 77 years.

In Dixfield, Dec. 10, Hannibal Smith, aged 76 years.

In Mexico, Dec. 13, Moses Storor, aged 90 years.

In Portland, Dec. 12, Joseph Ayotte of Rumford, aged 43 years.

In South Paris, Dec. 4, Roscoe D. Slattery, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe D. Slattery, aged 5 hours.

In New York, Dec. 14, Frances, daughter of Francis Haynes of Mexico, aged three and one-half years.

In Mexico, Dec. 15, Allie Downs, aged 49 years.

SONGO POND

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are rejoicing over the birth of a nine pound baby girl, Dec. 18th.

Leonard Kimball and family have moved into Fred Murphy's camp.

Ira Hickford of Bethel spent a few days last week with his granddaughter, Mrs. Floyd Kimball.

Mrs. Floyd Kimball and daughter, Ira Hickford and Silas Littlehale went to Bryant Pond one day last week with Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of West Bethel.

Errol Donahue, who has been very ill with pneumonia is recovering slowly.

Floyd Kimball had good luck while hunting. He got a 19 point buck.

Mildred Kimball is home from Gould Academy for the Christmas vacation.

Walter Lapham has been helping folks kill their pigs.

Mrs. Carl Penley's sister from Fryeburg is in town for a short time.

Mrs. John Adams of Fryeburg is helping Mrs. Foss Butler.

Carl Penley, Agnes and Mildred Stanley were in Fryeburg Sunday.

Mildred Kimball is helping Mrs. E. O. Donahue for a few days this week.

THE FINGER POINTS In and Around Bethel

Gordon E. Lathrop

Merry Christmas, Everyone!

May Santa Claus fill your stockings with a little respect for STOP signs; a consciousness of parking ordinances; a remedy for smelly barns and hayyards; a recipe for sliding safety; a religion devoid of politics in the celebration of Jesus' birth; a list of fire alarm signals to learn for the time when they're useful; an interest in the doings of your village; a little fee to add to the smaller skating rink; a check or two toward a new library; a path across the common that will go where people walk; a whisper to the grass and shrubs and flowers to make the common better looking next year; an urgent vote for a town dump at the next town meeting; a satisfied feeling that your interest is improving your village; and an aching stomach from having eaten too much! Merry Christmas!

Are Winter Sports Going Out of Style?

It seems so. With the advent of heated cars and cleared roads for driving, the more invigorating exercises of skating, tobogganing, skiing, snow-shoeing and sleigh-riding, are rapidly becoming things to read about. It is so much more comfortable to look out upon the hills and fields from a closed car. Who wants to get out into the cold, blowing snow? Do we get those glowing cheeks our mothers and dads got from healthy romping in the out-of-doors? Sure we do! But not from a thrilling, throbbing, skin full of red blood corpuscles. Why, it is much easier to get them out of a box from the drug store! Ma used to come in with ankles numb and legs muscles paralyzed from skating. Dad was so stiff from ski tumbles he could hardly walk. Not for this generation. We're going to stick to silk undies and rapid dashes from car to door. Yes, it's too bad, we do get colds so easy. But read the Citizen for a patent remedy and let's go to bed for a couple of days. The young folks join the older ones in the huddles around the stove or hot air register. But unlike the elder ones of today the gray headed generation of tomorrow won't have the exciting winter sports to tell their children of. Instead they'll haul out a table of miles per gallon of gas, tell how far they went on one set of tires, and use a road-map to point out familiar landmarks by.

Walking in the Road at Night

You know there are a lot of people who walk in the beaten down roads these nights with the perverse idea under their caps that it will be easier for them to be hit in the rear than to see a vehicle coming toward them. Innumerable warnings have been issued by State Safety Directors and by Automobile Clubs that it is hard to see a pedestrian walking in the road at night, and that when walking in the road is a necessity, it should be done on the left hand side so that the pedestrian can step out of the way if the driver doesn't see him. Driving a car isn't much fun on icy roads, and everytime a last-minute swerve has to be made adds just one more gray hair to the operator's head. But, what-the-heck, you've heard that before and didn't pay any attention to it.

Where is Your Kid Sliding?

Is he sliding on Main Street, as one youngster was Friday noon, dodging autos and making them dodge him? Is he chasing cars down Mill Hill, making them step on the gas beyond reasonable safety to keep from letting him go beneath the wheels? Is he coasting on Church Street, or High Street, or any street where it is a gamble between life and death? Or don't you know where he does go when he takes his sled to school? Wouldn't it ease the strain on your nerves if you knew there was a street restricted to sliding between certain hours, where there was no cross traffic and no danger? High Street would be a good street for that. The hill is fast, old timers tell of going all the way to the railroad from Church Street, and of taking school teachers with them, and the only interesting street, (where sleds have been smashed up), not too inconvenient to close. Several years ago there was passed a petition to close High Street for sliding purposes. It was presented to the Selectmen who passed the buck to the Assessors who passed it back, etc. If you think it still should be closed when sliding is good, write in a line saying so, sten your name and we'll see it printed on both sides will read it. If they pass the buck this time we'll ask why and remind you of the reasons just before the next town meeting.

A Lesson in Bear Hunting For G.E.L.

Bethel, Maine, Dec. 19, 1932.
The Oxford County Citizen,

I am very much pleased and also surprised when I read "The Finger Points" Column. (Especially surprised.) In your issue of December 8th my answer to his article on bounties appeared. Also in the same column under my name were these words: "Thank you, Mr. Day! It is well worth being on the wrong side of the fence to get such an interesting letter to pass on to our readers." (signed), G. E. L.

In that letter I made my point quite clear and, evidently, Mr. Lathrop agreed with my point of view. But now, as he has a volunteer supporter, he has come back to the battle. In the above mentioned letter I told Mr. Lathrop that "Hens have no teeth," and now I find it quite the next important subject to teach him that "the black bear, which is a native of the Maine woods, hibernates in Winter," and that it is now past the time for them to look for a den.

The dear reader, (as well as Mr. Wallace F. Clark, hunter, trapper, and teacher of animal lore) will kindly remember that on December 2d there was in the town of Grafton, Me., over four inches of snow. Now dear children, Mr. L. and Mr. C., Mr. Bruin doesn't like to stay out and travel far when there is snow or cold weather. Therefore one finding a bear's track under those circumstances is apt to find him under the first old root that Mr. Bear sees. Of course, knowing but little about bear (as our dear Mr. C. thinks I do) I expected to locate him before the day was over, and I still believe I should have if it hadn't been for weather conditions since. An exceedingly warm spell followed that snow and a bear is a better weather prophet than a man. They will not hibernate with a warm spell approaching.

Again I define a hunter. "A hunter does not hunt for sign. (It is a waste of time.) Instead he goes where there is plenty of game when he wishes to hunt."

My only answer to your question, "Why should one town pay bounty on bear while its neighbor finds it cheaper to pay for stock killed," is that if more farmers, instead of Lathropers, bank presidents, lawyers, etc. were sent to the Legislature our laws would give the farmer and working man a more decent chance of living, for hard elder always made better laws than seized bootleg liquor. Then the bounty on bear would be uniform throughout the state with the bounty on porcupine doubled, as it used to be. Clean them out once and it will cost but little to keep them under control. And, in the mean time, if the bounty was doubled it would induce many unemployed to earn part of the money to support. Help end the depression Mr. Lathrop! Aren't you with me?

And now I wish to say for the benefit of the reader that the State is allowed to pay not over \$5,000 a year for porcupine bounties. Thus Mr. Lathrop's plan might reduce your taxes a fraction of one cent.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM H. DAY

Pending advice of counsel, I am going to defer comment on Mr. Day's letter, except for the last paragraph. Mr. Day suggests that the bounty on porcupine be doubled and the unemployed set to chasing them. In the next breath he tells us there is only \$5,000, (or if he doubled the appropriation, \$10,000) to split between all the unemployed who might be set scouring the woods, dropping matches, lighting cigarettes, etc. There would hardly be enough for each one to pay for the oil on his boots! As a matter of State economy may I point out that it is by \$500 and \$5,000 raises that the budget has grown to such proportions. To my mind, it will be by such small amounts, (each one hard fought for by its exponents) that the budget will have to be reduced. Come again Mr. Day.

G. E. L.

Mrs. Benj. Inman spent Tuesday with Mrs. Will Holt.

Mrs. Celia Gorman and daughter, Miss Ina Good, and Miss Marjory Berry from Bethel called on Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kimball and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kimball Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Penley cared for Mrs. Smith Sunday.

F. L. Edwards called on E. O. Donahue Tuesday.

HANOVER

A. C. Wight recently underwent surgery at the Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston. Mrs. Wight staying in Lewiston for the present and Mrs. Herman Holt of South Berford is keeping house for her during her absence.

Wilson Welch of Rumford was in town recently.

Mrs. O. F. Russell is entertaining her two nieces for a few days.

The Misses Nina and Ethel Russell, who have been caring for their stepmother, Mrs. Dyke, left Tuesday morning for Portland Saturday.

Nina Russell, R. N., going to Gardiner, Me., where she will have employment and Miss Ethel to Brockton, Mass. to spend Christmas with her stepmother. Mrs. Ebber Dyke is in town a few days.

Mrs. Susie Thomas visited her mother, Mrs. Twombly, Sunday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindness of friends and fellow citizens during the illness and death of our loved one.

Mrs. Albert Heath and family
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heath
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swan.

A Merry Christmas

This sincere wish we cordially extend to all of our depositors, customers and friends generally.

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